INTER-OFFICE LETTER

TO Plainville

FROM Plainville

MR.

P. G. Kremlick

DATE June 22, 1977

SUBJECT: CAPITAL EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATION FOR LAGOON REMOVAL

Attached is the Capital Expenditure Appropriation for Lagoon Removal. The method of disposal recommended, out of the several alternatives considered, represents the culmination of several menths study by DeLeuw Cather and Company (DCO - TRW) of Chicago, Illinois and also represents the most cost effective method of removal.

Datagraphics of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was chosen to supply the Petrobac System which will literally consume the oil and sludge in the lagoon. The oil is converted by mutant bacteria to carbon dioxide, water, and microbial protoplasm. The microbial protoplasm is a biodegradable source of food for higher life forms and is acceptable for disposal in the sanitary sewer. This method has been used successfully by firms having waste oil disposal problems and is the one alternative that treats the subnatant as well as the supernatant strata of the lagoon.

James Grier of the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been a party in the review process and is in general agreement that the process is acceptable to both the DEP and the Plainville Sanitary Department. Throughout the course of the study Mr. Grier has maintained communication with Mr. Bob Prochaska (DCO) to insure that, in general, all methods under consideration were acceptable to the State Agency and local authorities.

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection is insisting that the treatment process be started this summer in order to solve and clean up a long standing problem (see Exhibit B for brief history). By beginning this summer, we will also minimize the TRW risk of liability that potentially exists since the lagoon is situated adjacent to the Town water supply.

The schedule to achieve the desired results will call for aggressiveness on our part but is attainable. Based on this, we are recommending approval of the appropriation prior to receipt of certified certificates of approval so that we may begin upon receipt of such certificates of approval.

James Grier has assured us that he will furnish approval within three weeks. We will not commit funds until all required certificates of approval have been received.

We have utilized Mr. James Diggs (I & R Legal Staff) for legal advice as required. He has been an active participant in the process of helping MRC to (I) retain its legal rights, and (2) be safeguarded against potential liabilities. He assisted Bob Prochaska (DCO) in writing specifications for quotations for contracts that will be used to implement the system (after receiving capital approval, along with State and local approvals).

The project costs are tripartite: (1) purchase of the treatment and support systems, (2) purchase of fill, and (3) purchase of the Engineering report that DCO has completed. Our plan is to implement treatment this summer and defer filling the lagoon until next year. (See attached schedule - Exhibit A).

The optimal time to use this treatment is during the summer months, as the rate of change of oil conversion doubles for each ten degree rise in temperature between 50° and 90° F.

Datagraphics has assured us that there will be no offensive odors as a result of the treatment. Their field notes had indicated: pungent, ammonia, and hydrogen sulfide odors in the lab coming from the process. Normal bacteria in the air will consume the odor-causing bacteria from the process.

Bob Prochaska (DCO) is available at telephone T/M 120-365 (Comnet) and James Diggs (I & R Legal Staff) is available at T/M 2288 in the event that additional information is required.

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Enclosures

EXIII BIT "A"

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- Specifications for quotations have been written,in language approved by James Diggs (I & R Legal Staff). * JIN U.B.A.

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* To be firmly established April, 1978 TRW 3681 PRINTED IN U.S.A.

EXHIBIT "B" Capital Expenditure Appropriation For Lagoon Removal

BRIEF HISTORY

- 1.0 Prior to 1959, all effluents were discharged to two lagoons.
 - 1.1 In 1959 the State of Connecticut issued an order to MRC to reduce the amount of liquid effluents being lagooned. This order resulted from a complaint by the Plainville Water Company regarding "foaming" of tap water which was alleged to have resulted from the use of anionic detergents in cleaning operations.
 - 1.2 In 1959 the existing treatment building was constructed, in which all effluents were collected and chemically treated to crack the water soluble emulsions (further described in DeLeuw Cather and Company report (DCO). The clear water effluent from the cracking process was discharged (with State of Connecticut approval) to the Quinnipiac River. The sludge resulting from the cracking process (still 85-90% water) was diverted to the present lagoon. One lagoon was eliminated at the time.
 - 1.3 On August 21, 1972 the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued an order (in response to a subsequent complaint from the Plainville Water Company) to (1) eliminate the need for lagooning, and (2) research a means for eliminating the lagoon. (See Exhibit 1.1.4a) The order was modified on 2/25/74 modifying planning dates and adding specific planning dates for implementation (see Exhibit 1.1.4b).
 - 1.4 Lancey Laboratories designed, obtained State and local approvals, and installed a pollution control incinerator to burn liquid wastes and eliminate lagooning of wastes (capital projects 17-735-12 & 17-745-19).
 (Special Note: This did not remove the lagoon itself.)
 - 1.5 On December 19, 1975 James Grier (DEP) contacted Carl Holmberg (MRC) to discuss MRC plan's to eliminate the lagoon. He theorized that the lagoon could be dewatered by pumping to the Quinnipiac River and the balance of the contents treated. (A subsequent study indicated that contents in the lagoon exceeded tolerable limits of elements that could be discharged into the Quinnipiac; thus, rendering this method unacceptable.) (See Exhibit 1.1.6)
 - 1.6 On June 24, 1976 MRC held discussions with DCO on the advice of Ed Gligrow (I & R Group Staff) to gather information about the lagoon and explore possible alternatives. DCO was authorized to undertake an information gathering mission on 8/4/76 to analyse the contents of the lagoon and recommend a suggested course of action to eliminate it. Mr. James Grier (DEP) was informed that DeLeuw Cather had been authorized to perform this study.

- 1.7 Deleuw Cather issued an interim report in January, 1977 which outlined incineration as a means of eliminating the lagoon. This was reviewed with James Grier (DEP) on February 23, 1977; at which time he requested that alternate methods of disposal be investigated because incineration was applicable to the supernatant but not to the subnatant portion of the lagoon. An expanded study was designed and both DeLeuw Cather and Minges Engineering firms filed bids with MRC to perform the study.
- 1.8 Abatement Order #2082 was entered on March 16, 1977 and received by MRC on March 22, 1977. (See Exhibit 1.1.9)
- 1.9 James Diggs (I & R Legal Staff) helped draft a response to the Commissioner regarding Abatement Order #2082. (See Exhibit 1.1.10a) A preliminary hearing was held in Hartford, Ct. on 5/6/77 and an official response to the Abatement Order was forwarded to the Commissioner on 5/9/77 (see Exhibit 1.1.10b). The order was modified on 5/27/77 (see Exhibit 1.1.1c).
 - Note: James Diggs has affirmed that the Connecticut General Statutes gives the DEP full authority to issue abatement orders and authorizes substantial court backing for implementation purposes. In his opinion (Diggs), there is no legal basis for avoiding cleaning up of the lagoon.